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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y, LONDON ADDED AS ADDRESSEE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, EI  
SUBJECT: LARGE-SCALE THEFT OF DRUGS PROMPTS IRISH  
POLICE DRAGNET

1. A NATION-WIDE POLICE DRAGNET IS UNDERWAY TO  
RECOVER LARGEST-EVER THEFT OF HARD DRUGS IN IRELAND.  
ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES, 133,250 PAFIUM TABLETS  
AND A HALF KILO OF MORPHINE WERE STOLEN JULY 31  
FROM ANTIGEN DRUG FACTORY IN ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY.  
THE THIEVES BROKE INTO A STRONGROOM BY DRILLING THROUGH  
A CONCRETE ROOF. RETAIL VALUE OF HAUL IS LESS  
THAN 2,500 POUNDS (ONE POUND \$1.94) BUT ILLEGAL  
SALE VALUE IS ESTIMATED AT 500,000 POUNDS. PAFIUM  
IS A SYNTHETIC OPIATE SELLING ON THE STREET FOR  
1-3 POUNDS A PILL. IT IS A PAIN-KILLER USED BY  
ADDICTS TO PRODUCE EFFECTS SIMILAR TO HEROIN OR  
MORPHINE. MORPHINE SELLS ON THE STREET AT 5 POUNDS  
PER "FIX" (2-3 GRAINS) OR 150 POUNDS PER GRAM.

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2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS SPECULATE THAT, SINCE IRELAND'S  
ESTIMATED 200 HARDDRUG ADDICTS COULD NOT CONSUME  
THE AMOUNT OF DRUGS STOLEN, THE THIEVES MIGHT  
ATTEMPT DISPOSING OF SOME OF THEM ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
MARKET. PORT AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS HAVE  
ALERTED IN THIS RESPECT.

3. INSPECTOR DENNIS MULLINS OF THE IRISH POLICE  
TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 1 THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAVE  
SEVERAL PROMISING LEADS AND ARE HOPEFUL OF RECOVERING  
PART OR ALL OF THE HAUL. HE DOUBTS THE THIEVES WILL  
ATTEMPT OVERSEAS MARKETING, AND SAYS THEY APPEAR  
TO BE AMATEURS - PROBABLY DRUG ADDICTS WHO STUMBLED  
INTO A GREATER CACHE THAN THEY EXPECTED. THEY LEFT  
FINGER AND FOOT PRINTS AND OVERLOOKED LARGE QUANTITIES  
OF OTHER READILY MARKETABLE DRUGS. MULLINS WILL KEEP  
US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. SHANNON

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